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GRASS FIRE CAUSES ALARM

HINDU TRAMP BEGS FOR FOOD, IS REFUSED, SET MATCH TO GRASS

DANGER TO PROPERTY IS GREAT

Company Promptly Responds—Hindu Arrested and In Jail

On Wednesday a Hindu tramp was found around the outskirts of the city. He was seen by a fireman, who picked up some dry grass and set a match to it. With this and he lit the dead grass and the fire was burning fiercely and the houses and fences in that neighborhood. A fire alarm was sounded and Chief Allen with his firemen promptly responded with two engines and soon had the fire under control. Marshal Chittim was called as to the cause of the fire and he made a hurried search for the offender and was soon successful in finding him. He was placed in county jail and a charge of arson was placed against him.

ASSESSMENT ROLL IS ABOUT COMPLETE

Assessable Property This Year Will Be \$1,000,000 Less Than 1913.

The tax roll for 1914 is complete with the exception of making the assessments, which will be done in a few days. This is the best time ever in the county on finishing up the job and Assessor Blakesley feels relieved over the result. Just at the totals are not known yet, but the valuation will be something like a million dollars less than it was last year, on account of the change in assessments of personal property. Altogether the property in Columbia county will be about \$1,000,000.

BOXING MATCH IN ST. HELENS MONDAY

Portland Man Gets Decision Over Jack Root, Local Pride

Jack Kendall of Portland was given the decision over Jack Root of St. Helens at a boxing exhibition in the city hall last Monday night. The exhibition was a six round affair and was quite an interesting exhibition of boxing. Both men started out to win and each received some hard jabs, but it was quite apparent that the Portland man was in better condition than was the local boy, so that after the six rounds had been fought the referee gave the decision to Kendall. Nearly two hundred people witnessed the exhibition.

Prof. J. B. Wilkerson and family shipped their household effects to Rainier this week where they will reside in the future. The Wilkersons have been engaged to teach at the Rainier schools and his resignation as County Superintendent will take effect on September 1st. During the residence of Prof. and Mrs. Wilkerson in St. Helens they have made many friends who regret very much to see them depart from here. Such people are an addition to any community in which they may locate and the Rainier school board is to be congratulated on securing the services of these excellent people for their schools.

PRICE OF FISH TAKES BIG DROP

From 2 to 4 Cents Per Pound Less Than a Week Ago

DROP IS DUE TO WAR

Big Percentage of Pickled and Salt Fish Go to Germany—Can't Ship

From 2 to 4 cents per pound less is being paid for fish this week than was paid last week. About 90 per cent of all pickle and salt fish caught in the Columbia river is imported to Germany and as shipments cannot be made to that country while the war is in progress with any degree of certainty as to delivery, all orders for fish have been cancelled, with the result that the buyers are compelled to lower the price to the fishermen.

W. D. CASE IS MOST PAINFULLY INJURED

While At Work Tearing Down Old Bridge, Is Struck by Timbers

While working on the bridge which has spanned Milton Creek in West St. Helens for many years, Mr. W. D. Case was severely injured Wednesday morning. Mr. Case had the contract for tearing down the old bridge and with a crew of men was making short work of wrecking the structure. Mr. Case with other men were on the bridge when it began to fall and when the warning was shouted to the men on the bridge, all of them jumped to safety except Mr. Case, who is hard of hearing and he went down with the timbers.

Some falling timbers struck him on the head and side and he was rendered unconscious for a time but Dr. Edwin Ross was called and soon restored him. He was taken to his home near Warren and the injuries were found to be painful but not serious. He will soon be back on the job again.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Thomas Moore, 86 Years Old, Celebrates With Descendants

Mrs. Isbister and children were passengers on the Irada Thursday morning for the home of Donald Moore on Sauvie's Island where the children and grandchildren of Thomas Moore had gathered to celebrate his 86th birthday. There were 36 descendants of Mr. Moore present, nearly all are residents of this county. Mr. Moore is one of the pioneers of this county, having arrived here during the early 50's and has made it his home ever since. He is still quite a hale and hearty man and enjoyed the day very much.

CRADLE ROLL OF ST. HELENS ENTERTAINED

Nearly 100 Babies With Their Mothers Present to Enjoy the Day

Mrs. E. A. Ross, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department of the M. E. Sunday School, entertained the mothers and babies in the M. E. Church parlors yesterday afternoon. During the afternoon the entire party of babies and mothers appeared on the walk in front of the church where Rev. Mr. Luther took some pictures, and on looking out the window of the M. E. office one would have judged there were about a thousand babies there, but as a matter of fact there were just a few less than one hundred. Mrs. Ross entertained the guests with sandwiches, cakes and lemonade, and the afternoon was a most enjoyable one.

The M. E. Sunday School will hold a Basket Picnic in Godfrey Park, St. Helens on Friday, August 21st. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Bring your basket and enjoy the day at the park.

E. A. Ross, Committee.

Mrs. C. H. English and Mrs. Butler motored up from their homes at Deer Island and are visiting Mrs. Jacob George.

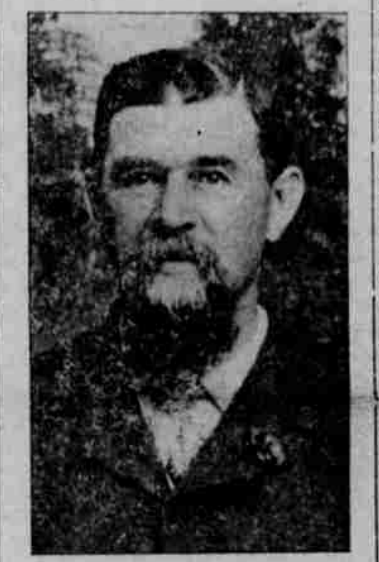
A ST. HELENS PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Richard Cox, Former County Judge and County Treasurer, Dies

RESIDENT OF ST. HELENS THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS

During His Long Residence Had Been Identified With the Upbuilding of the Community

Wednesday night at 11 o'clock Richard Cox passed away at his home in St. Helens after an illness of about three weeks, the immediate cause of his death being heart trouble. For many years Mr. Cox has been a sufferer from an accident which happened while in the railroad business and of late years has been troubled with asthma, but not until about three weeks ago did he



taken to his bed. Wednesday night, surrounded by his family and friends he passed peacefully away and today at 10 o'clock funeral services were held in the Episcopal church in charge of Rev. W. A. M. Breck, vicar of this parish. The remains were laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery on Germany Hill.

Richard Cox was born at Andover, England on the 30th day of June, 1843 and was therefore just past 71 years of age. When 14 years of age he went to sea and after following that life for six years, located in

Montreal, where he took up railroad work for the Grand Trunk Railroad. For four years he was passenger conductor on this line and while thus engaged received the accident from which he never recovered. Two trucks of a passenger coach passed over his foot and leg and while the leg was saved it was never healed. After the injuries were sufficiently healed to permit him to work again he was appointed as station agent at Danby, Ontario, which position he held until 1877 when in May of that year he started for Oregon, landing in St. Helens on the 22nd day of that month and has lived on the same corner lot ever since. Prior to coming to St. Helens, on August 31st, 1868, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Annie Muckle in St. George's church, Montreal, and the faithful wife still survives. Arriving at St. Helens he went to work as the lumber book keeper for the Muckle Bros. Lumber Co. and he held that position until 1894 when the firm went out of business. In 1882 Mr. Cox was elected County Treasurer of Columbia county, serving in that capacity until 1886 when he was appointed by Governor Thayer as County Judge of Columbia county to succeed Jos. Dobbins, resigned, and he held that position until July 1, 1888. During the years of his residence in St. Helens he has served at various times as City Recorder and councilman, and was always identified with the upbuilding of the city and county. He owned some city and farm property in this community and also some valuable property in Portland.

Besides his wife he leaves three children, J. C. Cox of Portland, Mrs. H. M. Allen of St. Helens and Mrs. David Davis of Portland, besides several grandchildren, some of whom lived with Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

THE ROADS ARE TOO WELL OILED

Some Places in Multnomah County Oil Is Poured on So Thick That Accidents Will Surely Result

If it isn't one thing it is another. Now the people travelling over the road leading out of Portland this way during the past few days have been complaining about the slippery condition of the roads on account of the oil. The road masters of that county a few days ago oiled the roads. They oiled them well too, so well in fact that the surface was about slick as glass. Consequently automobiles passing over were compelled to run slow and be very cautious or they would go over the bank or slide against the bluff. The big car of Cap Abel's commenced to slip the other day and before it could be stopped it was dangerously near the bank, but by careful and skillful management no accident resulted. That is one thing that can be said of Cap Abel; he is one of the most careful drivers on the road. He takes no chances and his passengers are perfectly safe. However the road oilers could probably do a little better job if they would not try to put all the oil on at once so that it has no chance to soak in. Unless they are more careful about it there will surely be some accidents. There are thousands of automobiles passing over that road and the County Commissioners of Multnomah county should remedy this system so that accidents would not result.

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS ARE CANCELLED

Two Ships to Load Here on Sept. 1st Will Not Come

Two foreign ships, Cape Finnesere and Knight of the Thistle, which were chartered to load in St. Helens on the first of September will not come and the orders of lumber which they were to take have been cancelled.

TO THE PUBLIC:

We have purchased the milk business from Mr. Geo. Konopka and are now in position to furnish all of his former customers. We have just completed an up-to-date, sanitary milk house on our Houlton property, and it is our purpose to furnish good, CLEAN milk and cream. You are cordially invited to visit our plant at any time and we feel sure that after you have made an inspection you will feel that we are in a position to serve your wants to your entire satisfaction.

Respectfully, BENNETT BROS.

Phone 135.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, mother of Mrs. Robert Dixon, and Mrs. Cornelia Dixon left on the Multnomah today for their home in California, after a visit in St. Helens at the home of Robert Dixon.

Mrs. Robson and daughter of Bellingham, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ross in St. Helens. Mrs. Robson was formerly Miss Dann, and was employed in the Columbia County bank a few years ago.

THE PLANS FOR ROAD RECEIVED

Engineer Submits Survey and Specifications for Road

WORK IS TO BE RUSHED

Bids Will Be Advertised for Immediately and Work Started at Once

Assistant State Highway Engineer Griswold was in St. Helens this week delivering the plans, specifications and profiles of the Houlton-Pittsburg road. All the details now being in the hands of the County Court they will advertise for bids for construction of the road at once. It is intended to have the work finished just as quickly as possible.

The money to be spent on this road from the bond issue and the general levy, it is estimated, will make a good passable road and its portion of the tax money next year will make of it, one of the best roads in the county.

SCAPPOOSE CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Isaac H. Kiser, Fruit Grower and Botanist of Note, Buried in Portland

Isaac H. Kiser, respected citizen of Scappoose, died at his home last Friday after an illness from which he had been suffering for several years. Mr. Kiser had lived on the farm near Scappoose for about four years and had started a fine fruit and berry farm from which he had just begun to realize when the end came. He was also a noted rose grower and botanist, having been actively engaged in this line of work in Portland for nearly twenty years. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Chapel of the East Side Funeral Directors in Portland and interment was in Rose City Cemetery. Mrs. Kiser and one son, a photographer, survive.

J. B. GODFREY'S RESIDENCE BURNS

Forgot to Turn Off Electric Current After Using Iron—Fire Results

Awakened by neighbors who told him his house was afire, J. B. Godfrey, 1218 East Glisan street, immediately began to throw the contents of his upstairs bedroom out of the window. When fire engine No. 12 arrived a few minutes later, Godfrey was preparing to jump to the ground.

"Why don't you go down the stairs?" the captain shouted. Godfrey was rescued with a ladder.

"I was so excited I didn't think of the stairs," he explained. The fire is said to have started from an electric iron. Mrs. Godfrey was spending a vacation at the coast, and her husband was in the house alone. He had pressed some trousers, and it is said, forgot to turn off the current. He went to bed leaving the iron hot, and the fire resulted. The damage is estimated at \$700.—The Oregonian.

ST. HELENS LOSES A GOOD GAME

The Stiletto ball team of Portland has "showed us" that they are ball players, having administered the second defeat of the season on the home grounds last Sunday. The score was 4 to 3 and it was a good game throughout. It was a close and interesting contest, enough close plays and thrilling situations to satisfy the crowd. The game was not won until the last inning when the final run of the four was made by the visitors. Next Sunday the Weonas, Portland city champions, will come to St. Helens to try conclusions with the Pailagh youngsters. Game called at 2:30 p. m.

Notice to Knights of Pythias. Next Tuesday evening, August 18, there will be business of importance to every member of the lodge, and all members of Avon Lodge are earnestly urged to be present. After the business is transacted a banquet will be given. Be sure to come. JACOB GEORGE, C. C.

FIRES ARE STILL DOING DAMAGE

DANGER CLOSE TO ST. HELENS PASSED, EXCEPT FROM GRASS

BAD FIRE NEAR WATER WORKS

Governor Is Urged to Close Hunting Season to Prevent More Fires

By constant effort and watchfulness the fires around St. Helens have been subdued and there is now no danger except from the dead grass. Out near the head works of the city water system there are some bad fires now burning which are taking all the men in the neighborhood to control. Near Charles Wallis' place several fires are burning in the timber and much damage is being done. Crews of men from the nearby logging camps are working night and day on these fires and it is thought they can be controlled. Down the river back of Rainier several bad fires are burning and every effort is being made to keep the blaze away from the farms.

An effort is being made by the State Fire Warden and the Forest Fire Associations to have the Governor declare the hunting season at an end because it is thought that the fires are largely the result of careless campers and hunters.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL IS DECIDED UPON

Directors of District No. 39 Invite Other Districts to Unite.

Houlton, Aug. 8, 1914.—By invitation of District No. 39, the Boards of Districts 2, 3, 30, 34, 39 and 45 sent representatives to the Houlton school house Saturday evening to discuss the possibility of a Union High School.

All were in favor of such a school except that St. Helens' representative said their favor depended entirely upon the location selected. A motion was made and carried authorizing the chairman, U. W. Clark, to appoint a Ways and Means committee of ten to select a site and decide upon necessary steps to be taken.

Another meeting of the ten districts included in the plan, will be called in the near future. Iris W. T. Olives, Secretary.

A VOICE FROM SCAPPOOSE.

Scappoose, Ore., Aug. 12, 1914. Another instance where the county has saved money by doing its own road work, is that of the south Scappoose road, lately completed for travel.

The lowest bid submitted for this work was about \$7,000, which the Court considered too high, as the estimated cost according to figures of the County Highway Engineer was placed at \$4,200.

The total cost as performed by the county roadmaster was \$3,520, a saving to the county of \$3,480.

Autoists pronounce this as fine a road as any in the state, both as to grade and finish which indicates our county officers are making no mistake in conducting road building. Gasoline Gus.

NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS.

Grand Master William Galloway of Salem, will be in St. Helens next Monday night, August 17th, at which time a special meeting of St. Helens Lodge will be held. All members of St. Helens and Houlton Lodges are requested to be present, as well as any visiting brothers who may be here on that date. L. E. ALLEN, N. G.